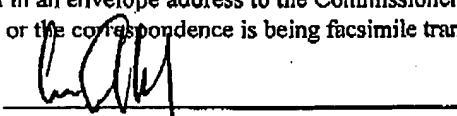


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| AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER | | | | Attorney Docket No: A325- USA | | | | | | |
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| Application Serial Number: 10/697,149 | | Filing Date: 10/30/2003 | | Examiner: Jason Savage | | Art Unit: 1775 | | | | |
| Invention: CERAMIC TO NOBLE METAL BRAZE AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURE | | | | | | | | | | |
| TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS: Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated as shown below. | | | | | | | | | | |
| CLAIMS AS AMENDED | | | | | | | | | | |
| | CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT | | HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR | NO. OF EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT | RATE | ADDITIONAL FEE | | | | |
| TOTAL CLAIMS | 38 | MINUS | 38 | 0 | \$50 | \$ 0.00 | | | | |
| INDEP. CLAIMS | 4 | MINUS | 4 | 0 | \$200 | \$ 0.00 | | | | |
| <p>Petition is hereby made under 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the time for response to the Office Action of <u>7/1/2005</u> to and through <u> </u>, comprising an extension of the shortened statutory period of:</p> <table> <tr> <td><u> </u> one month (\$120.00)</td> <td><u> </u> three months (\$1,020.00)</td> </tr> <tr> <td><u> </u> two months (\$450.00)</td> <td><u> </u> four months (\$1,590.00)</td> </tr> </table> | | | | | | | <u> </u> one month (\$120.00) | <u> </u> three months (\$1,020.00) | <u> </u> two months (\$450.00) | <u> </u> four months (\$1,590.00) |
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| TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT | | | | | | | | | | |
| <p><u> </u> Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.</p> <p><u> </u> A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.</p> <p><u> </u> A check in the amount of \$ <u> </u> is attached.</p> <p><u> </u> Charge \$ <u> </u> to Deposit Account <u> </u>.</p> <p><u>X</u> No additional fee is required.</p> | | | | | | | | | | |
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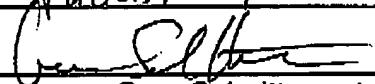
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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of July 01, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Claims 1 – 38 are pending in the parent application. Claims 1-38 are rejected. The drawings receipt on October 30, 2003 is acknowledged, but there is no indication if they are accepted or objected to by the Examiner.

Claim 34 is objected to under 35 U.S.C. § 112.

Claims 1-36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patents: 6,221,513 (hereinafter Lasater); 6,586,675 (hereinafter Bealka); 5,028,495 (hereinafter Hirano); and 6,521,350 (hereinafter Fey).